

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 16 as indicated below:

15 18. (Twice Amended) A dilatation catheter comprising:

a) an elongated catheter shaft having proximal and distal ends, a guidewire port in the distal end, a guidewire receiving inner lumen extending to and being in fluid communication with the guidewire port and an inflation lumen extending [therein and] to a location proximal [and] to the distal [ends] end;

b) [a dilatation balloon having an interior in fluid communication with the inflation lumen extending within the catheter shaft;

c) a proximal shaft section having proximal and distal ends and at least part of the inflation lumen extending therein to the distal end of the proximal shaft section [and extending to a location proximal to the dilatation balloon]; and

[d] c) a replaceable distal shaft section having a proximal end, being releaseably connected by said proximal end of the distal shaft section to the distal end of the proximal shaft section, at least part of the inflation lumen extending within the distal shaft section distally

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